

FOSTER CARE FACT SHEET

JUNE 2006

Number of Kids in Care:

At the end of this quarter the total abuse/neglect caseload was 18,728.

At the end of FY 2005, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 19,110 with 16,944 in out-of-home care. In comparison, at the end of FY 2004, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 19,514 with 17,240 in out-of-home care, which is defined as children not living in their own parent's home.

There has been a significant increase in the shift from out-of-home placement in non-relative foster care to relative (or kinship care). The number of abuse/neglected children living with grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives (kinship care) instead of non-relative foster care has steadily climbed over the years. The number of children in relative placements has grown from 6,692 at the end of the FY 2004 to 6,713 at the end of FY 2005.

Termination of Parental Rights:

In FY 2005, 4,047 children became wards of the state compared to FY 2004 when 3,433 children became wards of the state. **

Placements of Abuse/Neglect Children:

	<u>June 06</u>
• Own Parent Home	2,022
• Relatives (in and out-of-state)	6,784
• Unrelated Caregiver (Fictive Kin)	171
• Legal Guardians	19
• Foster Care Families	7,326
• Institutions, Including Shelters	1,393
• Detention, Jail and Court Treatment	53
• Independent Living	652
• Mental Health Hospital	24
• AWOL	252
• Other	32

Legal Status of Abuse/Neglect Children:

• Permanent Court Neglect Wards	107
• Temporary Neglect Court Wards	11,907
• MCI State Neglect Wards	6,221
• Other (OTI, Non-Wards)	491

Age, Sex and Race of Abuse/Neglect Children:

<u>Age</u>	<u>June 06</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>June 06</u>
0-6	7,138	White	8,512
7-11	3,923	African American	9,082
12 +	7,664	American Indian	177
		Asian	39
<u>Sex</u>		Multi-Racial	666
Male	9,448***	Other & Unknown	250
Female	9,304***	(Includes Native Hawaiian, Undetermined & No Data)	

Children's Foster Care (CFC) Providers

CFC Homes (Licensed)	*7,569
Relative Homes (Unlicensed)	*6,399
Other Homes	*536

Source of Information:

SV reports from SWSS FAJ data warehouse

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***DHS Data Warehouse as of 7/3/06

*NA-540 (6/6/06)